

BROWN VALLEY RANCH
CONSERVATION EASEMENT ADDITION

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

December 2007

Acquiring Agency:	Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Cost:	\$45,399
Funding Source:	Habitat Montana
Property Specifics:	FWP proposes to place a conservation easement on approximately 205 acres of private land, located eight miles east of Florence in Ravalli County. This project represents an addition to the existing Brown Valley Ranch Conservation Easement, bringing the total protected property to 2,073 acres.
Resource Values:	The key resource values of the conservation easement are conservation of important winter range for deer and elk and protection of riparian habitat along Three Mile Creek. The conservation easement addition extends the protected buffer along the northwestern boundary of FWP's adjoining Three Mile Wildlife Management Area.
Process:	FWP Draft Environmental Analysis , released October 15, 2007, for a 30-day comment period Public Meeting in Stevensville, November 8, 2007 Public Comment – all comments submitted by the public, both in writing and at the hearing, were in support of the proposal, including comments by the chairman of the Ravalli County Commission FWP Commission Final Approval , November 29, 2007 Decision Notice , issued December 3, 2007